

Tenant's healthy habits checklist

The healthy homes standards introduce specific and minimum standards for heating, insulation, ventilation, moisture ingress and drainage, and draught stopping in rental properties.

Landlords are responsible for making sure their rental properties meet them.

Learn more about the standards and the compliance dates on our website www.tenancy.govt.nz.

Healthy habits – how to play your part

A dry home is easier to heat. Here are some simple things you can do in your home to reduce moisture and make it easier to keep your home and your whānau warm and healthy.

- ✓ **Keep in contact with your landlord about any damage or repairs. Things like blocked or leaking downpipes and gutters, leaks in pipes, dampness or leaks in walls or ceilings, and signs of mould can cause major problems if left unfixed.**
- ✓ **Open your windows and doors in the morning to give the house an airing-out. 15 minutes should do it.**
- ✓ **Dry your washing outside if you can, or in a room with the doors closed and a window open.**
- ✓ **Use the extractor fans in your bathroom and kitchen and open your windows when showering or cooking.**
- ✓ **Use lids on your pots when cooking.**
- ✓ **Wipe off any condensation from the windows.**
- ✓ **Move your furniture away from the walls so there is a gap to let the air flow through.**
- ✓ **Air out a room after you leave it and turn off the heater. By releasing the heat you'll avoid condensation.**

Tenants must tell the landlord straight away if they are aware something needs to be repaired or maintained.